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INTERFRATERNITY UNION PLANNED

NO RESTRICTION OF RUSHING

Constitution of Proposed Organization Referred to Local Chapters

THE MOVEMENT looking toward a closer union of the various chapters located at George Washington has culminated in a direct proposal for organization. A constitution has been drawn up and is being submitted to all the men's fraternities in the University for action. It provides for a representative body of delegates from all the chapters which desire to come into the proposed organization, to meet monthly, give interfraternity functions, and act upon matters of common interest to fraternity men. Any attempt to regulate "rushing" is distinctly and expressly forbidden.

The proposition originated in the interfraternity committee which has been considering the question of giving a show or theater benefit. The association of these representatives of the George Washington chapters which have hitherto had so little intercourse, and the opportunities for mutual acquaintance afforded by meeting around at the various chapter houses have resulted in a more or less widespread feeling among fraternity men of a need for better acquaintance. This feeling has taken definite shape in the proposition for a men's Panhellenic Union.

The objects of the projected organization, as stated in the drafting of a constitution submitted to the local chapters, are to bring the George Washington fraternities together more closely, and to promote student activities. All intention of regulating or interfering with "rushing" is emphatically disclaimed. One delegate from each chapter shall compose the body. A fraternity joins by ratifying the constitution submitted, and its delegate has authority to bind his chapter. Meetings are to be held monthly, the date and place to be selected at the previous meeting. The officers are to be elected annually. The association pledges itself to give at least one dance and one smoker every year, to give the fraternity men of the University a better opportunity of becoming acquainted. Such is, in brief, the proposal for a Panhellenic Association of men's fraternities.

As far as can be judged at present, there is a fairly strong sentiment among fraternity men in favor of a closer association and community of interest among the various chapters at George Washington. The present plan seems to embody the general ideas of such

an association that are prevalent among the Greek-letter men. Some time will be occupied in learning the action of the individual chapters upon the proposition, but a more or less general acceptance of the scheme is expected. The plan contains no element by which any chapter would surrender any part of its independence, but merely assures the power for common action on the part of the delegates.

A feature worthy of notice is the complete absence of any attempt to regulate or restrict "rushing." That is a point upon which all fraternity

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CHEMISTS ENJOY FOOD TESTS

Experiments at "Fritz Reuter's Laboratory" Produce Favorable Reactions

WITH a vim and enthusiasm that clearly indicated the interest they take in the welfare of the Chemical Society, the members of the society and their friends turned out to the second annual banquet on Wednesday evening, February 28, at Reuter's.

The affair was characterized by the committee in charge as "the second annual food test" and was divided into four "experiments," conducted at the "Fritz Reuter Laboratories." The laboratory manual was printed on filter paper as "digestion apparatus;" "as usual," and "manipulation;" "watch your neighbor." The reagents consisted of the menu. Experiment 2 was "Incineration;" apparatus: 1 suction pump, 1 bellows, matches; "manipulation," very simple; reagents: cigars and cigarettes. Experiment 3 was termed "Spontaneous Combustion," and experiment 4, "Unstable Equilibrium."

After the first experiment was satisfactorily completed and the second was well under way, the third one was started and proved to be the most interesting one. Mr. M. A. Pozen acted as the catalytic agent, introducing, in his usual entertaining manner, each speaker in turn.

It might here be stated that, conditions being just right, the exothermic reactions thus set up followed all the laws, known and unknown, of physical and physiological chemistry. The first speaker, Mr. A. S. Thatcher, president of the Society, responded to the toast, "Society Secrets," and of

course for obvious and perhaps "secret" reasons, THE HATCHET can hardly publish just what Mr. Thatcher said.

Rear Admiral Stockton, President of the University, spoke of the satisfactory progress the University is making and touched on, in an appreciative way, the value to the University of such student activities as the Chemical Society in arousing and fostering college spirit. He suggested the establishment by the alumni of the Munroe Chair of Chemistry, a suggestion which brought forth hearty applause.

Professor Howard L. Hodgkins, responding to the toast, "Mathematics and Chemistry," showed the relation between the two and to what a great extent chemistry is dependent upon mathematics. He enlivened his talk and delighted his hearers by his witty comparisons and left the impression that perhaps math and physics should be given more attention by the embryo chemists.

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DATE OF CLASS DANCE FIXED

Meeting at Fraternity House Engages Arlington Hall for April 26

THE PROJECT of holding an Upper Class Dance to pay off the deficit from the indoor meet, as advocated in THE HATCHET, has now taken definite shape. A meeting was held Monday night at the Alpha Beta Phi chapter house at which arrangements were made for holding a dance on April 26, at the Arlington. The hall has already been engaged, and the tickets will be in circulation by the end of this month. Committees have been appointed and are at work on the preliminary arrangements. A second meeting will be held at the Theta Delta Chi house on the 18th inst.

The suggestion was made to have the dance some time during the middle of Lent, but the majority seemed to be of opinion that the choice of such a date would be inauspicious. The conscientious scruples of certain religious bodies, it was felt, would prevent many from attending who would otherwise be present. Moreover, by that time the University will be better recovered from the confusion that always attends "moving day." The

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TRACK ACCOUNTS NOW PUBLISHED

ALL RECEIPTS NOT RENDERED

Manager Hodgkins Reports Full Amount of Expenditures and Receipts

To the Editor

THE UNIVERSITY HATCHET.

DEAR SIR:

BELIEVING, as I do, that if athletics are ever to be re-established at the University, it is necessary that full publicity be given to all matters pertaining thereto, I am sending in this letter as complete a financial report as it is possible to give at this time, of the meet recently held in Convention Hall. I am adding some further statement as to the meet, and trust that it will be possible for you to publish the whole.

The meet was, as has been stated, far from the financial success expected, as was painfully evident to those few who attended and saw the small crowd out. From an athletic standpoint I think it was an undoubted success and it certainly gave the University a great deal of advertising.

The full report of expenses of the meet and track team follow:

Convention Hall	\$350.00
Guarantees	270.00
Medals and trophies	239.75
Small printing	44.30
Handicapping	28.10
G. W. White Co.	27.45
Band	21.00
A. A. U. sanction	10.00
Postage and telegrams	12.55
Ticket takers	8.00
Laying out hall	5.00
Hauling, materials, etc.	12.25
Hurdles	4.50
Newspaper advertising	65.35
Y. M. C. A.	23.00
Rubbing, etc.	5.50
Registration and Entry Fees ...	5.50
Phone, messengers, carfare, etc.	16.85
Total	\$1,149.10

Most of these items are self-explanatory, but to go over a few, the guarantees were the amounts paid to the various out of town colleges toward their expenses in entering. The item small printing includes the entry blanks, stationery, posters, exchange tickets, the notices to the alumni, etc. The amount to the G. H. White Co. covers the tickets, competitors numbers, a twelve-pound shot, worsted, cartridges, for starter and such items. Hauling and materials covers the hauling of mats, hurdles and standards to and from the hall and the materials for marking the floor, such as resin and whitening.

The item Y. M. C. A. covers the cost of short term membership in the Y. M. C. A. for several men on the track team. And here I wish to thank those men who have

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come out and trained under such adverse conditions as lack of a common time for training and of a coach. They certainly deserve the unqualified thanks of the whole student body. They further showed their spirit by offering to pay their own expenses to the Baltimore meet, which they did, and there won the first relay race won by George Washington in three years. There were no expenses on our part due to the trip to Richmond, where we lost to the fast four of the University of Virginia.

It is unfortunately impossible to give at this time an exact list of total receipts, as I have not as yet been able to settle finally with the gentleman who had charge of the advertising in the program, and a number of students who sold tickets have, for some unknown reason, not yet sent me the money.

The receipts to date follow:

Cash from ticket sale	\$486.00
From student tickets	82.00
Meet Program	107.03
Entry fees	218.50
Miscellaneous	24.60

Total \$918.13

Considerably less than expenses is evident. I have on hand a cash balance of \$12.78 and there is still \$243.75 to be paid.

The final deficit will not be nearly that great, however, as I should receive at least \$125.00 further on the program and there is \$51.00 to be collected for student tickets, while there are other small items amounting to about \$15.00 which I expect to collect. The final deficit, as I see it now, will be about \$60.00.

I desire to apologize to the student body for such a fragmentary report and regret very much that it is not final and on the right side of the ledger.

The reason for the financial failure of the meet can be stated in plain terms: Absolute lack of student and alumni support.

In spite of special rates there were but 133 student tickets sold, and of these I know of more than thirty sold to outsiders.

The reason for this lack of support I do not understand. I think I can say safely that the athletic attractions were superior to those at any of our previous meets. The Association of Class President, and particularly President English distributed a number of student tickets for sale and one of the interfraternity gatherings did so also. A mass meeting was held in the Medical Building. Through the courtesy of the secretary of the alumni, notices of the meet were sent to twenty-four hundred alumni in this city. Apparently everything was done to insure the support both of students and alumni. The local papers were very kind in notices of the meet.

But the support failed to materialize and the Fifth Annual Meet, as the four before, has to report a deficit.

This, my report, I desire to respectfully submit to the student body.

HOWARD W. HODGKINS,
Manager the Track Team.
Season 1911-12.

ENGINEERING NOTES

AT A MEETING of the Engineering Society held on Saturday evening, March 2, the following amendments to the constitution, proposed at the last meeting, came up for a vote:

(1) The President of the Society shall be a member of either the Junior or Senior Classes of the College of Engineering.

(2) There shall be three Vice-Presidents, one selected from each of the coordinate branches of the engineering profession represented in the College—namely, Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical. They shall be known as the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, and the Third Vice-President, respectively, and shall take precedence in the order named. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be known as the First Vice-President; the one receiving the second highest number of votes the Second Vice-President, etc.

(3) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the three Vice-Presidents, and one member to be elected, who shall not hold any other office during such term of office. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee may arrange a program and call a meeting at any time.

(4) The officers of the Engineering Society shall be nominated at the first meeting in the school year, but the nominations shall remain open until the next meeting, at which time the elections shall be held. Under no circumstances shall the nominations and elections be held on the same evening.

The first, second, and fourth amendments were adopted after some discussion. The third, however, seemed to offer so many chances for trouble, owing to the fact that under it a majority of the committee could call a meeting without the consent of the president, who might have arranged another for the same time, that it was thrown out and one substituted as follows:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the three Vice-Presidents, and one member to be elected, who shall not hold any other office during such term of office.

The next meeting of the Engineering Society will be held in the Chemistry Lecture Hall on Saturday evening, March 9. The feature of the meeting will be a talk on the "Evolution of the Electric Elevator," by Mr. Deakin, local representative of the Otis Elevator Co. The Washington Society of Engineers, the Remy School of Architecture and the Chemical Society of G. W. U. are to be guests at the meeting. This lecture will be one of the most valuable ever delivered before the Society and every engineer is asked to be present. The only way to secure good speakers is to show appreciation when they do come, and for this a large attendance is needed.

Mr. Claude E. McCalip was planning to take his family to Great Falls last Sunday, but the inclemency of the weather made it necessary to keep the little ones at home.

Mr. Hession and Mr. Snelling have already announced their candidacy for the presidency of the Engineering Society next year. Boys, there will be more than one cat and dog fight at next fall's elections!

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COLLEGE NOTES

KEEP April 26 open. It is the night of the Upper Class Dance which promises to be the biggest event of the present scholastic year. Tell the other fellow.

The Senior Class celebrated Washington's Birthday by an all-morning business meeting at which every one of the class officers was present. The upper class dance was enthusiastically discussed and the class promised its hearty support. It was decided to have a class banquet instead of a class play, and the president was authorized to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the event. The matter of a class pin or ring came up for discussion and was the occasion of much merriment. The question was left to a committee for rejudication. Much to the relief of the class editor plans were set on foot for her aid in labeling appropriately or misappropriately the portraits of the different members of the class for the *Cherry Tree*. A committee was also appointed to look out for the invitations to the graduating exercises.

The Reverend Herbert Scott Smith, of St. Margaret's Church, conducted chapel on February 29. A large number of students heard with a great deal of pleasure his splendid talk.

Herr Lodholz made one of his memorable speeches at the Chemistry Society banquet and received an enthusiastic reception.

Miss Katherine Newbold took advantage of the holiday to spend the week-end with her aunt at her country home on Long Island Sound, and reports a very enjoyable visit.

Mr. Paul Seiler has left college and returned to his home in Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Seiler's absence is regretted by the many friends he made while in the college.

Lost—On the night of their election, the class editors for the Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. Any one returning them or news from them to the editor will be given honorable mention in this column.

Fair Coed in English 4—"How do you pronounce Adonis?"

Mr. Kelly to Mr. Warner—"She doesn't know how to pronounce your name."

Mr. Warner (quickly)—"How you misjudge me!"

Professor Hodgkins (in Physics)—"Mr. Taylor, suppose I wanted you to go out in the park and ascertain the velocity of sound. What would you need?"

Mr. Taylor—"Something to make the noise."

Professor Hodgkins to Mr. Nash, who has been at the board some time—"What have you proved?"

Mr. Nash—"That the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of refraction."

Professor Hodgkins—"What did you start out to prove?"

Mr. Nash—"I didn't start out to prove anything."

Professor Hodgkins—"This is an old-time sextant and has been in the University fifty or sixty years, but that is because the students have not been permitted to handle it."

Professor Henning, in Freshmen French—"The examination was rotten!"

Students, in chorus—"Indeed it was."

Professor Henning (quickly)—"Of course, I mean your part of it."

Mr. Batt gave a very able paper on character role and classification of "Vanity Fair" in English 4 the past week. He pointed out that there are 321 characters in this novel, of which number 18 are important, and 34 of secondary importance. The results of his study were surprising and gave the class much interesting information.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

THE ANNUAL election of officers was held Friday, February 23, in the Y. M. C. A. room. The following officers were chosen for the new term: President, Louis A. Maxson; vice presidents, Arthur H. Redfield and Theodore M. Swann; secretary, R. M. Dunbar; treasurer, Duncan C. Smith. It was voted at the same time to undertake the conduct of the general men's room in the new building, which the Y. M. C. A. will furnish with magazines and make generally attractive.

INTERFRATERNITY UNION PLANNED

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men in the University seem to be unanimous. The fair coeds have a Panhellenic agreement which confines the "rushing" activities of the three sororities to a definite period, and they all swear by it, as far as an outsider, a mere man, may venture to judge; but with the men it's another story. They are flatly opposed to any scheme to restrict free competition among the chapters here. In fact, it is believed that any such attempt would utterly defeat the aim of the association to promote amity among the different fraternities. The fraternity men believe that there is room for all chapters in the University, and each chapter is confident of its ability to hold its own in the competition. Besides there is little real friction between any two fraternities during the "rushing" season. The activities of nearly all the chapters are spread over more than one department, and the broader field gives room for chapter expansion that is not at the expense of each other. In practical experience no chapter has had to bewail the "lifting" of more than one or two "rushees" in a season by a rival crowd. In consequence sentiment among the men is generally opposed to any restriction of "rushing," and the proposal for a Panhellenic organization by

the omission of that feature is the more certain of adoption.

The success of "rushing" regulations among the coeds of the University is probably due to different conditions, as well as the ordinary temperamental differences between the sexes. The closer competition arising from their narrower field of activity doubtless makes some *modus vivendi* necessary. Unrestricted and keen competition confined to the limited number of women students in College of Arts and Sciences and the Teachers College would develop friction if not restrained in some way. The system in practice seems to be generally satisfactory to the coeds.

The proposition of a Panhellenic organization is now before the chapters located in the University. It is the hope of THE HATCHET to chronicle in our next issue the general acceptance of the scheme by the local chapters. It is a movement that is to the interest, not only of fraternity men, of the student body as a whole and the University as well. Whatever influence THE HATCHET may have, it desires to throw on the side of common action on the part of George Washington fraternities.

MEDICAL NOTES

WE GREATLY regret the loss of two of our number, Messrs. Buck and Bicking. The rest of us are keenly cognizant of the rapid approach of the end of the school year and its accompanying bugbears, examinations. We sincerely trust that these last few weeks, the "home stretch" of our strenuous four years' race, will offer no impediment or stumbling blocks to our ambitions.

Some of our men have already taken examinations for hospital positions and I am sure the class wishes them success. Others are preparing for service in the United States Army and Navy, others for a most honorable vocation, that of medical missionaries, while still others are hoping to succeed in home practice. May all realize their ambition.

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Davis Prize Speaking

THE annual Davis Prize Speaking will be held in the chapel of the new University Building, 2023 G street, N. W., on Tuesday evening, April 16, 1912. Only Seniors in the Department of Arts and Sciences are eligible to compete. All who intend to enter should notify Dean Wilbur on or before March 19, 1912. Orations must be submitted within the following two weeks.

The prizes are awarded after a public speaking contest in which the competitors deliver original orations, and consist of the cash premiums of \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00, respectively. The decision is rendered by a faculty committee of three judges. It is hoped, not only that a good number of seniors will enter, but that the students generally will encourage the contestants, especially by their presence on the evening of the contest. This competition is one of the oldest institutions of the University.

Panhellenism

WE REJOICE to observe the beginnings of a movement for closer union among the men's fraternities of the University, the effects of which must undoubtedly prove beneficial not only to the fraternity men themselves, but to the entire student body as well. A proposal for a body of delegates from each fraternity to meet monthly and act on matters of both fraternity and general interest is going the rounds of the local chapter houses, and, from all expectations, will meet generally with a favorable reception. This is more or less the logical outcome of the proposals for common action with regard to the athletic deficit that has arisen this winter.

The benefits to the fraternity men are rather obvious. Interfraternity acquaintances will be developed which will go far towards removing the spirit of narrowness that the present conditions of chapter isolation are apt to engen-

der. Unwholesome rivalries and jealousies will be dissipated by the habit of common action. Any tendencies to the exaggerated pride in "exclusiveness" and clique spirit that are so often charged against fraternity men will be dispelled by constant contact with other groups of fraternity men, and a healthier rivalry of improvement will be stimulated. Fraternalism will take on a broader meaning.

The student body as a whole will be a sharer in the benefits of closer association of the local chapters. The most concrete of these will be those resulting from combining for the general welfare the forces that the individual chapters derive from their organization. The united strength of a Panhellenic organization should count for much in a general effort such as that to pay off the athletic debt. And benefits no less great may be expected from a changed attitude and a broader spirit that may follow close upon the friendly association of the members of different fraternities.

CHIPS

Strange.

"Look a-here, porter," said an irate man, sticking his head out of an upper berth on a Pullman, "you've brought me one tan shoe and one black one."

"Well, Ise getting mighty ca'less, all right," remarked the porter with a puzzled air; "that's the second time that's happened this morning."

Informal.

Mrs. Back Bay—"I shall want you to be dressed by 3 o'clock, Ellen, to receive any friends that may call.

Ellen—"Oh, lor, mum! Ain't you going to be in?"—*Boston Transcript.*

Not So Quiet.

Mrs. A—"Your husband always dresses so quietly.

Mrs. B—"He does not. You ought to hear him when he loses a collar button."—*Milwaukee Daily News.*

His Tale.

Dubleigh—"Was that you I heard fumbling at your door this morning at one o'clock?"

Chubleigh—"At one? I guess so. My wife declares I got in about three."—*Baltimore Sun.*

Timid Sweetness.

Mr. E. M. Quire—"What are those women mauling that man for?"

Mrs. Henballot—"He insulted us by saying that the suffrage movement destroyed our naturally timid sweetness and robbed us of all our gentleness."—*New York Sun.*

A Student's Soliloquy

Od's fish! What glim thro' yon darn'd window breaks?
It is the east, confound it, I must rise!
Alas, fair Morpheus, seek some wealthier manse,
Not damn this c onvict with thy cruel taunt!

Curse on't! eight o' the clock and still abed!

What fool did ope' you dormer yester-night,
That now this chamber's cold as any ice?

How, now! to think on't, did I it myself!

S'death! S'blood! the ignorance of men!

To rise, or stay abed, that's the problem:

If 'twere worth the while to slumber:

On, and take the consequences dire,

Or rather wise to rise, and hie me off

To cursed Mathematics—ten minutes late;

Recite, perchance to fail; ay, there's the rub!

For in that failure flees one's giddy prestige.

Oh, rather, with a bodkin bared, I fain

Would slip my burden of turmoil the clique!

But, oh no! 'tis more courageous far,

to 'dure

The darts and arrows of an 'raged Prof.

Than perpetrate so fell an deed as this!

Avaunt, brave bodkin, I'll none o' thee!

I will arise and take my way to class,

And there, 'mongst atmospheres of

higher things,

Will laugh in scorn on Morpheus and his kind.

On with those shoes and socks—Shades of Pluto's Realm!

How's that! 'Tis nine o'clock, so help me!

Ah, well, I'll back to couch and sleep on't

That I may the better rise the morrow.

HARRY W. THOMPSON.

LAW SCHOOL NOTES

REGISTRATION in the Law School is fairly good. The 300 mark has been passed, and the second semester brings with it several likely-looking new students.

The air of extreme quiet pervading the upper precincts of the Masonic Temple has become so general as to affect our correspondents. THE HATCHET box in the lobby yawns.

Here are a few legal maxims of practical value taken from a recent number of the "Docket":

"In litigation as in seven-up, it's your long suit that counts."

"Perhaps the wooden-headed witness is a chip off an old block-head."

"A retainer in the hand is worth two in the client's pocket."

"Honesty is the best policy—for lawyers—but if the rest of the world adopted it, the practice of law would be—or rather it wouldn't be."

TEACHERS' COLLEGE NOTES

PROFESSOR W. C. RUEDIGER attended the meetings of the Society of College Teachers of Education and the Department of Superintendent of the N. E. A., held in St. Louis, February 26-29, in conjunction with five other Educational Conventions. The attendance was record-breaking, nearly 2,000 delegates having been present. Many papers and addresses of a high order were given. Next year the meetings will be held in Philadelphia.

On Tuesday afternoon, February 27, Professor Ruediger presented a paper, on the "Present Status of Education as a Science," before the Society of College Teachers of Education, which we hope to print in the near future.

Besides Prof. Ruediger, Washington was further represented at the above meetings by Miss Elizabeth Brown, supervisor of Primary Instruction; Miss Ellen Gwin, principal of the Chevy Chase school, and six persons from the Bureau of Education, including the U. S. Commissioner of Education, Philander C. Claxton.

College Girls to Give Show

THE GIRLS of the college, at least, have not forgotten the athletic debt. A concerted effort is being made by the sororities to give a vaudeville sketch by way of christening our new chapel. The title of the performance or of any of its features has not been revealed, but we have heard the whisper that a thrilling exposure of Panhellenic methods and secrets will be made by those who have penetrated behind the scenes. These revelations will be conducted by Misses Rose, Taylor and Jones. Ssssh! For the further delectation of the students each of the sororities will present its best talent in two vaudeville sketches. The whole will be blended in a delightful ensemble of music and wit. The date, we have been informed, will be April 23, and the price, twenty-five cents. Personally, we advise you save the date.

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CHEMICAL SOCIETY NOTES

At a well attended meeting of the Society held in Chemistry Lecture Hall, on February 23, a very interesting and instructive paper was read entitled, "A Preliminary Note on the Bacterial Precipitation on Calcium Carbonate in the Sea." This paper sets forth true original work done on this subject by Mr. G. Harold Drew, and which had up to this time never been presented in the United States.

Mr. Harrington's paper on "Osmosis," gave a resume of the subject and its applications to the sciences. Mr. Lodholz presented "Journal Abstracts," one being some further notes on "Surface Combustion," a demonstration of which, following Dr. Bone's theory, was recently given before the Society.

The constitution was amended by unanimous vote so that nomination and election of officers shall take place at the close of the college year instead of at the beginning, as formerly.

A special meeting will be held on Saturday evening, March 16th, when Mr. B. Dyer, of the National Carbon Company, will give an illustrated talk on "The National Carbon Company's products and how they are made."

Dr. W. O. Snelling, an alumnus of this University and now with the Bureau of Mines, will give a demonstration of his new form of gas mantle, which he has recently patented. The meeting will be held in Lecture Hall No. 1, at 8 o'clock.

University Gets Bequest

THE UNIVERSITY is equal beneficiary with the House of Mercy, a Protestant Episcopal institution, of the will of Mrs. Mary Emma Jacques, dated November 8, 1911, and filed for probate last Thursday. By the terms of the will the entire estate is to be divided into two equal portions to be paid to the two beneficiaries. The share of the University in turn is to be divided equally between the Law and Medical departments. The Washington Loan and Trust Company is named as executor. The share of the University, it is estimated, will be about \$8,000 or \$10,000.

Class Hours Changed

IN ALL probability the class hours in the Department of Arts and Sciences in the new building will be generally made later. The question of schedule has been left to the arrangements of a committee of which Dean Hodgkins is chairman. The evening classes, it has been more or less definitely decided, will be ten minutes later, from 5 to 6:40. This will give opportunity to students in the Chemistry or Political Science courses, whose classes will be at the old schedule, to get to classes in the new building on time.

The committee is contemplating setting the morning classes before 12 m. fifteen minutes ahead, on account of the changed street car

facilities. Students attending the 9 o'clock classes will be able to avoid the morning rush of the office crowd. The effect on the college chapel of the fifteen minutes less noon recess has not been predicted.

According to the calculations of the University authorities, it will not be necessary to extend the Easter holidays to give time for the moving. The repairs to the former St. Rose Industrial School have not required as much time as was expected. The classes can be moved with little or no delay; only the laboratory equipment and machinery will cause delay. It is not expected, however, that these classes will lose more than one or two classes.

Testing Machine to Be Installed

THE ENGINEERING students will have in the new building the opportunities for practical work in testing materials afforded by the use of a 200,000-pound testing machine. Through the kindness of Dr. Stratton, of the Bureau of Standards, this machine has been loaned to the College of Engineering for the use of the classes and students engaged in that work. The machine applies to the specimens subjected to the tests of a force of 200,000 lbs. for either compression, extension, or bending. It is valued at about \$2,500. This will be set up at once in the stable in the rear of the new building, and courses in testing materials will be given to students in all three branches of engineering.

"This is just what we have been wanting," said Dean Hodgkins. "I have been trying for a long time to persuade our trustees to get such a machine. It will be of the highest practical value to the students."

"We expect to install our gas engines in the new place and have them running during the latter part of the year. Next fall we shall have our machine shop working, and resume our courses in tool work. The steam engines we are not able as yet to operate on account of the condition of the boiler."

DATE OF CLASS DANCE FIXED

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day will at the same time be early enough in the spring to be cool enough for dancing.

The arrangements of the affair will be in experienced hands. Ralph Hospital is chairman of the committee in charge, and the other members of the committee are: J. Lewis Moneyway, Thomas P. Murray, Herman B. Chubb, J. Norman Taylor, Alvin M. Brown, M. Alvord Gore, Robert H. Harrison, Donald L. Dutton and George Poole, all of whom have had experience in previous affairs of the sort. Several of them were connected with the Upper Class Dance of last year, which proved so successful. The student body is assured that no effort will be spared to make the dance financially profitable without sacrificing anything of the beauty or style of the affair, and that the dance this year will be fully equal to any function of the sort that has been held before in the University.



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Extraordinary are the provisions which are sometimes made by testators for the disposal of their bodies after death. For their illogical and anxious concern over the "clay tenement" it is usually hard to find a motive, but it is easy to discern the animus in the bequest of a man who lately died in one of the eastern States. To the relatives who had neglected him during his life but gathered with hypocritical solicitude about his dying bed, he left his corpse to be dismembered and distributed among them with ironical and gruesome impartiality. To one brother he bequeathed his right arm, to another his left, while other kinsmen received a nose or an ear. More often the testator makes some particular member or organ the subject of special instructions to his executors. In the days of chivalry it was frequently the heart, which with romantic symbolism or superstition was to be inclosed in a precious casket and taken for burial perhaps to the Holy Land or to some famous monastery. In modern times the brain is more often singled out for special honors, in the way of donation to an institution of learning for the use of science. Cremation is frequently desired and the dissipation of the mortuary ashes is directed. A German who died in Pittsburgh in 1887 directed that his ashes be delivered to the captain of the steamship Elbe and when the vessel reached mid-ocean, to be taken to the topmast and there scattered to the four winds of heaven. This man was a poet, perhaps an enthusiast for liberty.

Not infrequently testators have requested that their obsequies be celebrated with merriment and feasting, and have left money for the purpose. Lodovico Cortusio, an Italian lawyer, desired his body to be carried to the tomb by twelve young girls, singing cheerful and lively songs. He left each of them a sum for her dowry. Martin Heemskirk, a Dutch painter, left a sum to provide each year a dowry for a girl of his native village, with the condition that the bride and groom should come to dance with the wedding guests upon his grave. Such was the love of life which inspired the Dutch painters. This was why they were able to fill their

canvasses with the embodiments of lusty vitality, the full-blooded men and buxom dames whose portraits still give so haunting an impression of warm actuality.

Bequests for the foundation of dowries seem to express the spirit in which Ben Franklin wrote to a young woman, at the news of her marriage, "I love to hear of everything which tends to increase the number of good people." A similar feeling must have moved the late James J. H. Gregory, a wealthy seed man, of Marblehead, Mass., who left the income of \$1,000 to be divided each year among the parents of twins born in Marblehead. The possible stimulation of the birth rate produced by such legacies is perhaps counterbalanced by the efforts men make in their wills to prevent the remarriage of their widows by leaving them property only on condition they remain single.

So common is this provision that our author cites with surprise the instance of Gouverneur Morris, who gratefully provided that his widow's income should be doubled if she married again. A different sort of gratitude animated the unnamed testator who left the whole of his property to be divided among three ladies, each of whom had refused the offer of his hand, giving as a reason for the bequest, that "to them he owed all his earthly happiness."

Cynical jests at the expense of the legatee, or sometimes of the testator himself, are occasionally found in wills. A French lawyer left \$50,000 to a lunatic asylum, declaring that it was simply an act of restitution to clients who had been insane enough to employ his services. This recalls Dean Swift's verse apropos of his bequest for the foundation of St. Patrick's Hospital in Dublin:

"He gave the little wealth he had
To build a house for fools and mad,
To show by one satiric touch
No nation wanted it so much."

The curiosities of this book lend themselves more readily to quotation than its more serious portions, but the latter are of equal interest in their way, especially the extracts from the wills of famous men, from Aristotle and Augustus down to Mark Twain and Justice Brewer. Beside, actual wills there are also given some examples of documents which, being written in the article of death, may be called last testaments, in a general sense. For exceptional coolness and heroism in circumstances of peculiar dreadfulness nothing could exceed the last message of a young Japanese officer, written while he was being slowly suffocated by poisonous gases in his disabled submarine torpedo boat at the bottom of the sea. To read it makes one realize what it would mean if we were to go to war with Japan.

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Quite a Coincidence.

Pat and Mike who hadn't met for years encountered each other one day.

"Hello," says Mike, "you're lookin' fine. Are you workin'?"

"Yes, and a fine job I have."

"What kind of a job is it?"

"I'm a bill poster."

"Ain't that a coincidence? Shure, and I'm bill postin', too."

"What are you bill poster for?"

"For a play actress of the name of Elsie Janis."

"Elsie Janis? Well, well, if that don't beat all. I'm bill postin' for her father."

"Father? Gwan! You don't mean Elsie Janis' father?"

"That same."

"What's his name, then?"

"Why, Hunyadi Janos!"

Everybody's pulling for Prof. Waggenman to come around with that stuff he promised previous to the final exam.

Hold out about six weeks more, boys, and then it will be all over (for about four months). Have you noticed them dropping out lately? Buchanan is the latest to kick the bucket (just because he turned a little pail).

With all due respects to Mr. Snider, when he is away next year, there ought to be a race for the scholarship, a feature which has been decidedly lacking in the past two years.

Have you given Dudley your subscription for *The Cherry Tree*?

Banquet Date Changed

THE DATE of the annual Y. M. C. A. banquet has been changed from March 18 to March 20, owing to a change in the arrangements of the Central Association which prevented the local Y. M. C. A. from securing the use of the hall for that evening. This, however, does not necessitate any changes in the program or other arrangements. The menu for the evening has been selected with to both quality and quantity, and the students who attend are promised an abundance of toothsome delicacies selected by the same gastronomic experts who chose last year's never-to-be-forgotten bill of fare with its luscious spring lamb.

The place of that dainty has been taken by turkey, with the customary cranberry sauce, as the committee in charge believes in a variety of good things from year to

year. A carefully-chosen array of other viands will accompany the king of birds, and as Homer used to say, "the heart lacks nothing of a well-balanced fare." The Y. M. C. A. committee, however, believes that it has improved somewhat on the menu described in the first book of the Iliad, where the Grecian bard made that remark. We are certain that Homer never had heard of turkey, or he would have changed his tune. Poor old Lucullus had to stew nightingales' tongues to get a new gustatory sensation, whereas if he lived in our time we are sure that the Y. M. C. A. banquet committee could show him a thing or two. Chaucer's franklin would have exclaimed "Perdye!" could he have seen what is offered to the hungry Hatchetites, and Vatel would have committed suicide over again. And in order that the students may have an abundance of these good things the Y. M. C. A. charges a dollar for its tickets.

The program of the evening is now under consideration, and a complete list of speakers will be announced in the next issue of THE HATCHET. Admiral Stockton has already promised to grace the banquet with his presence, and at least one outside speaker is expected. The treat for the mind will be no less acceptable than that for the palate.

Tickets are now on sale, and may be had from any member of the committee, Maxson, Redfield, and Brock, or from several other members of the Student Y. M. C. A. The price is one dollar, and has been placed at that figure by the committee in order to secure an abundance of good things to each banqueter. Dress will be informal, and the hour will be seven sharp, for the convenience of the students whose classes detain them until 6:30 and leave them hungry. The place will be the Y. M. C. A. Building, 1736 G street, N. W.

CHEMISTS ENJOY FOOD TESTS

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Professor Charles E. Monroe, honorary president of the Society, and to whom is due in great measure its success, spoke on "Little Things." He brought out in his usual clever way the extreme importance of careful observation and attention to details, illustrating his remarks with numerous incidents and anecdotes.

Mr. Moneyway contributed to the merriment of the evening with his inimitable "Carboniferous Characteristics," and the "S. H. M." of Mr. Lepper took the form of finely rendered violin solos.

The telegrams from noted men, past and present, which were delivered at opportune moments, were hugely enjoyed, as was also "catching the chemist."

Impromptu orations were made by "our illustrious contemporary," Mr. Lodholz, the "parliamentarian," Mr. Stewart, and the vice-president, Mr. Taylor.

Too much credit for this enjoyable occasion cannot be given to the entertainment committee, which consisted of Messrs. Lepper, Pozen and Stewart.

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VETERINARY NOTES

OUR LITTLE "Bennie" certainly distinguished himself at the Association Banquet. Some class to Bennie's talk.

Ayres is still debating with himself as to the best clinical thermometers to read in the dark.

Dr. Graybill certainly got the Seniors' "goat" on the "Dimorphism" problem, but when it comes to "Symmetry," Lochboehler certainly produced.

Holt surely is the boy to work up and boom the "Cherry Tree" among the Vets.

Earl certainly distinguished himself among the Senior Vets. We thought he was there with the goods when it came to heart action.

Norris and the members of the Association Banquet Committee did themselves proud. Our medical student is something of a manager, all right.

Intersociety Debate Tomorrow

THE SECOND intersociety debate between the Needham and Columbian Debating Societies will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Law School quarters in the Masonic Temple. A good debate on the question, "Resolved, That a commission form of government similar to that now in operation in Des Moines is desirable for our larger cities," is confidently expected. The contestants from the two societies are experienced men in debate work and will undoubtedly be able to throw some light on the pros and cons of this highly-agitated question of city government. The teams representing the two societies are, Needham: W. R. Fitch, E. R. Callister, B. S. Stottle; Columbian: W. E. Calley, Maurice Cohen, C. C. Rose.

This is the second debate of the

series of four which are held annually between the Needham and the Columbian Societies. Those who participate in the last debate of the year, called the prize debate, are selected from the honor men of the three previous debates, two men being chosen for honors each time.

The societies are alive and a keen rivalry has been shown in these intersociety contests. Anyone registered in any department of the University is eligible to become a member of either society, and a glad hand will be extended any student who will come up to the Masonic Temple, on Friday evenings when the weekly meetings are held.

Eleven Get Diplomas

ELEVEN STUDENTS were graduated informally on Wednesday, February 21, at 10 a. m., in West Hall. President Stockton conferred the degrees on the students as they were presented by the deans in the presence of a small audience of students. No caps and gowns were worn, but the presentation by the deans and the conferring of the degrees were brief and simple. The graduation was held informally because of the action of the Trustees in suspending the Winter Convocation this year for lack of a sufficient number of graduates to justify the expense.

The following students of the University received their diplomas at the exercises on February 21:

MASTER OF SCIENCE—Philip Castelman, in absentia.

BACHELOR OF ARTS—Selwyn Kennedy Cockrell, George Allen Sanborn, Irwin Paul Taylor.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING—William Curtis Cooley Ball.

BACHELOR OF LAW—Philip Burwell Goode, in absentia; David Alphonse Baer, Henry Aubrey Cox.

MASTER OF PATENT LAW—Herbert Benjamin Gerhardt, in absentia.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE—Alice Winans Downey.

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